

Dear Board of Fish,

My name is Kelly Stier of Homer, Alaska. I've participated in salmon fishing as a drift gillnet fisherman in Bristol Bay for the past 22 years. I'm an S03T permit holder, a vessel owner, a land owner in the Bristol Bay Watershed, and a participant in the BOF meeting this past December.

I understand the drive for making the board of fish process of reviewing proposals more streamline as I sat through the painful hours of public testimony this December. However, I do not agree with changing to a "consent-agenda concept." One of the things that became apparent while attending the BOF meeting was that seemingly small issues can often greatly affect large numbers of participants. It clear that those issues are best understood by the end user. While the board has a broad variety of backgrounds, the nuances of these particulars are often not well understood without input from those who are most affected by these changes. While I agree that the process would by making it more streamlined, I caution the board to adopt this proposed method. Please keep public input as a high priority in your process in decided the rules on this public resource.

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